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Reading 15.1 per cent of all households were below the poverty line. That is their incomes from wages, pensions, lodgers, and property were not sufficient to provide essential food and clothing after rent had been paid for the house in which the family was living. It was assumed, with good foundation in observation, that the rent was brought to a minimum by the families themselves. These figures are more impressive when it is further noted that of the non-wage-earning school children, 12 per cent in Stanley, 16 per cent in Northampton, 25 per cent in Warrington, and 47 per cent in Reading were members of these sub-standard families. The belief is expressed that the secret of poverty prevention lies in raising wages to a point that allows efficient living.

Cautiously written, thoroughly considered, well founded upon carefully planned tables, this book is one which inspires confidence. It is full of interesting facts and fertile suggestion.

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NEW BOOKS

D'ALFONSO, N. R. *Una nuova fase dell' economia politica e il caro prezzo de' viveri. Naturalismo economico.* Second edition. (Milan: Società Editrice Libreria. 1915. Pp. 67. 2 l.)

The primary doctrines of this pamphlet are not new; nor are many of the secondary ones. The high cost of living is attributed to well-known social movements: the industrial revolution, the concentration of population, talent, capital, money, and activity in cities, and the consequent decline of the landed industries. It is viewed as a salutary warning of an unnatural and unfortunate development. But better days are coming. There will be a happier balance of rural and urban life, an economic naturalism, when public and private agencies shall have done their slow work in the intellectual, technical, aesthetic, moral, and spiritual education of the people.

The author, apparently, is unacquainted with the doctrines of the economists whose inadequacies and superficialities he would correct and with some of the best established facts and principles of sociology and economics. But he writes most pleasingly, and he has convictions, always interesting, as to metallic and paper money, agriculture and stock raising, education, the origin of slavery, the purposes and limitations of orthodox economists, vegetarianism, the perils of overheated houses, the wholesome social influence of Roman Catholic Christianity, and a score of other subjects.

WILLARD C. FISHER.

ANDREAE, P. *The prohibition movement in its broader bearings upon our social, commercial and religious liberties.* (Chicago: F. Mendelsohn. 1915. Pp. 421. \$2.)

- BLOOMFIELD, M. *Readings in vocational guidance.* (Boston: Ginn. 1915. Pp. 723. \$2.25.)
- BURTON, M. G. *Shop projects based on community problems.* (Muncie, Ind.: Vocational Supply Co. 1915. Pp. 382. \$1.)
- CRAIG, F. A. *A Study of the housing and social conditions in selected districts of Philadelphia.* (Philadelphia: Henry Phipps Institute. 1915.)
- EICKEMEYER, W. *Zur Frage der zweiten Hypothek beim privaten grossstädtischen Wohnhausbau und -Besitz in Deutschland.* (Stuttgart: Kohlhammer. 1915. Pp. xii, 181. 4 M.)
- GIBBONEY, D. C. *Local option or prohibition.* (Philadelphia: Penn Prtg. House. 1915. Pp. 53. \$1.)
- HENDERSON, C. R. *Citizens in industry.* (New York: Appleton. 1915. Pp. xviii, 342. \$1.50.)
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- IRWIN, E. A. *Truancy; a study of the mental, physical and social factors of the problem of non-attendance at school.* (New York: Public Education Association of the City of New York, 8 West 40th St. 1915.)
- JAMES, H. G. *A handbook of civic improvement.* (Austin: Univ. Texas. 1915. \$1.)
- JOHNSON, W. E. *The liquor problem in Russia.* (Westerville, O.: American Issue Pub. Co. 1915. Pp. 230. \$1.)
- LEAKE, A. H. *Means and methods of agricultural education.* Hart, Schaffner & Marx prize essays, XXI. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin. 1915. Pp. xxiii, 273. \$2.)
- LEE, P. E. *Social work with families and individuals. A brief manual for investigators.* (New York: N. Y. School of Philanthropy. 1915. Pp. 16.)
- MEYER, H. H. B. *List of references on prison labor.* (Washington: Supt. of Docs. 1915. Pp. 74. 10c.)
- RALPH, G. G. *Elements of record keeping for child-helping organizations.* (New York: Survey. 1915. Pp. 195.)
- SHURTER, E. D. and FRANCIS, C. I. *An educational test for immigrants; bibliography and selected arguments.* (Austin, Tex.: Univ. Texas. 1915.)
- SINCLAIR, U. B. *The cry for justice; an anthology of the literature of social protest. Selected from twenty-five languages, covering a period of five thousand years.* (Philadelphia: John C. Winston Co. 1915. Pp. 891. \$2.)

- TREADWAY, W. L. *Care of mental defectives, the insane, and alcoholics in Springfield, Illinois. A study by the National Committee for Mental Hygiene.* (Springfield, Ill.: Springfield Survey Committee. 1914. Pp. 46. 15c.)
- WARBER, G. P. *Social and economic survey of a community in north-eastern Minnesota.* (Minneapolis: Univ. of Minn. 1915. Pp. viii, 115. 25c.)
- WEAVER, E. W. *Profitable vocations for girls, prepared by a committee of teachers.* (New York: A. S. Barnes. 1915. Pp. 212. 75c.)
- WILEY, M. A. *A study of the problem of girl delinquency in New Haven.* (New Haven, Conn.: Civic Federation of New Haven. 1915. Pp. 39.)
- WILLIAMS, J. H. *A study of 150 delinquent boys.* (Stanford University, Calif.: Stanford Univ. 1915. Pp. 15.)
- WILSON, L. A. *A list of helpful publications concerning vocational instruction.* (Albany: Univ. of State of N. Y. 1915. Pp. 52.)
- WOODSON, C. G. *The education of the negro prior to 1861.* (New York: Putnams. 1915. Pp. 454. \$2.)
- The General Education Board. An account of its activities, 1902-1914.* (New York: General Education Board. 1915. Pp. xiv, 240, illus.)
- Handbooks on London trades. Clothing trades. Pt. I, Girls.* (London: Board of Trade. 1915. 2d.)
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- Maternity: letters from working women.* (London: Bell. 1915. 2s. 6d.)
- Mental defectives in the District of Columbia.* Bureau publication no. 13. (Washington: Children's Bureau. 1915. Pp. 13.)
- Welfare work. A selected bibliography.* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation. 1915. Pp. 3.)

Insurance and Pensions

- A Standard Accident Table as a Basis for Compensation Rates. Distribution of 100,000 Accidents.* By I. M. RUBINOW. (New York: The Spectator Company. 1915. Pp. 63. \$1.50.)

Dr. Rubinow's purpose was to determine the relative frequency of the several injuries and conditions which are distinguished in American workmen's compensation legislation and thus to help toward adequate and just premium rates in compensation insurance. Introductory pages show the author's difficulties, especially from dearth of directly relevant data, and his methods; and concluding paragraphs give brief hints as to the use of the table. But the body of the booklet consists of a series of computations to show